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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION OF)
MORISSETTE ET AL.)
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SERIAL No: 10/807,071) EXAMINER: SHAUN R. HURLEY
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FILED: MARCH 3, 2004) ART UNIT 3765
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FOR: CARRIER ROPE)
APPARATUS AND)
METHOD)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 13, 2005, the Inventors file this Amendment and Response, accompanied with a request for a 3-month extension and the corresponding fees as follows:

Amendment

Please cancel Claim 24.

Comments to the Amendment:

The Examiner rejected Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. This particular claim claims the method of Claim 1, "further comprising the step of knitting the braided plait assembly." The Examiner indicated, "[i]t is unclear how the yarns can be knitted, since claim 1 specifically requires braiding." The Inventors agree with the Examiner that braiding and knitting are specific processes for interlacing yarns and that said terms are not interchangeable. Consequently, the Inventors respectfully request the Examiner to cancel Claim 24.